


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SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request  
Office of Inspector General FOIA Request Number 2012-18

Dear Mr. Smathers:

I am responding to the January 20, 2012, FOIA request that you submitted to the Office of Government Ethics. It was referred to the NASA Office of Inspector General (OIG) and received on February 14, 2012. You requested all OGE Form 202, "Notice of Conflict of Interest Referral Form[s]" received in calendar year 2011. The Office of Government Ethics referred 2 of these forms (a total of 4 pages) to the OIG for a direct response.

My initial determination is to withhold both of these forms.

The first form is being withheld under FOIA exemptions (b)(6), which protects individuals from unwarranted invasions of personal privacy, and (b)(7)(C), which protects personal privacy related to law enforcement records. 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(6) & (7)(C).

The second form is being withheld under FOIA exemption (b)(7)(A), which protects records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that production of such law enforcement records or information could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A). The second form is also being withheld under FOIA exemptions (b)(6), which protects individuals from unwarranted invasions of personal privacy, and (b)(7)(C), which protects personal privacy related to law enforcement records. 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(6) & (7)(C).

You have the right to appeal this initial determination to the Inspector General. Under 14 CFR § 1206.605 (b), the appeal must: (1) be in writing; (2) be addressed to the Inspector General, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546; (3) be identified clearly on the envelope and in the letter as an "Appeal under the Freedom of Information Act;" (4) include a copy of the request for the Agency record and a copy of the contested initial determination; (5) to the extent possible, state the reasons why the requester believes the

contested initial determination should be reversed; and (6) be sent to the Inspector General within 30 calendar days of the date of receipt of the initial determination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KH Winters', followed by a horizontal line.

Kevin H. Winters  
Assistant Inspector General for Investigations  
OIG FOIA Officer – Investigations